



SOUTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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PROFILE OF CURRENT PROJECTS by Area of Emphasis

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QUALITY ASSURANCE

Partners in Policymaking©, Year 16

SD Advocacy Services, Pierre

Contact Person: Sandy Stocklin-Hook, 605-224-8294

An education and training program for adults with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. In addition, a Continuing Education session is available for all past graduates (over 350) each spring.

Mobilizing for Self Advocacy in South Dakota

Human Services Research Institute, Oregon

Contact Person: Reena Wagle, 503-924-3783 Ext 19

This project is helping self-advocates to play a lead role in directing their own lives, shaping disability policy and practice to promote self-determination and community integration, and understanding what must be done to promote self-advocacy statewide.

The Movement of Self-Directed Systems

Division of Developmental Disabilities and the SD Association of
Community Based Services

Contact Person: Carol Ruen, 605-773-3438

The overall goal of this project is the creation of more individualized services for people with developmental disabilities. Project activities include a pilot for Independent Case Management, providing community based DD service providers an opportunity to participate in "Good to Great"

training and technical assistance to further person-centered thinking, and developing a model for “agency of choice”.

Youth Leadership Forum 2008

Transition Services Liaison Project / Black Hills Special Services
Cooperative, Pierre

Contact: Dan Rounds, 605-224-5336

Youth Leadership Forum is a unique leadership-training program for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. The overall goal of the forum is to promote the employment of persons with disabilities more effectively by inspiring and preparing young people with disabilities to overcome the barriers to employment and social participation.

Next Steps

Transition Services Liaison Project / Black Hills Special Services
Cooperative, Pierre

Contact: Betsy Valnes, 605-224-5336

Next Steps will provide advanced leadership training specifically for young adults with developmental disabilities seeking success in post-secondary school, employment and community involvement. The training will focus specifically on young adult issues, resources, and presentation styles and provide a transition from “youth” services to “young adult/adult” services and topics.

Dare to Dream Conference 2008

Parents of Children with Special Needs and the SD Coalition of Citizens
with Disabilities

Contact: Mary Mortenson, 605-996-5730

The Council supports stipends for adults with disabilities and on-site childcare services during the conference. This bi-annual conference provides an opportunity for parents and adults with disabilities to hear from national speakers on a variety of topics.

Assistance to Attend Workshops

Council Staff

Contact: Arlene Poncelet, 605-773-6369

The Council has funds available for people with developmental disabilities or their family members to attend conferences, workshops and trainings. These funds can be used to cover the cost of registration fees, lodging, meals, travel and respite or childcare. An application form is available through the Council Office or the Council's website.

EMPLOYMENT

Self-Directed Career Enhancement Project (SCEP)

Volunteers of America Dakotas

Contact: Janet Reider, 605-367-4293 Ext 218

This project is designed to create a model of self-directed service delivery and fiscal control that will allow people with developmental disabilities to lead, plan and assess specific career planning that will promote employment opportunities.

Transitional Training Program

Human Service Agency/ATCO

Contact: Larry Merxbauer, 6505-886-0123

This program will focus on placement of people with developmental disabilities in volunteer positions with an emphasis on transitioning into paid employment. The volunteer positions will provide on-site work experience, promote community inclusion, create social capital, and provide specific vocational training not currently available thru the agency.

RECREATION

Crossing the Bridge to Success

Sioux Falls Jaycees

Contact: Travis Arneson, 605-338-9741

The goal of this grant is to expand the membership of the Sioux Falls Jaycees to include individuals with disabilities and to provide leadership and social skills as well as create natural supports in the community.

HEALTH

FASD Family Education Training

Center for Disabilities

Contact: Joey Younie, 605-357-1439

This project provides a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) educational training for families in the area of education and resources to assist in the day-to-day activities of raising a child with a diagnosis on the FASD spectrum. Monthly trainings will be provided via the Digital Dakota Network (video-conferencing system) statewide.

Caring for Smiles, Phase II

Delta Dental Philanthropic Foundation

Contact: Nance Orsbon, 605-224-7345

Phase II provides a continuing education course for dentists and their staffs in how to provide quality, appropriate care for people with developmental disabilities at the May 2008 SD Dental Association's annual meeting. Each dental office attending the training will receive two contacts from "mentor" dentists who will also be available for consultation as needed. Additionally, work will continue with the Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services to implement Medicaid add-on fees for dental offices seeing people with developmental disabilities.

FORMAL & INFORMAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

College of Direct Support

SD Association of Community Based Services

Contact: Eileen Van Soest, 605-357-1439

The "College of Direct Support" is an on-line training curriculum available to direct support professionals at the community based DD service providers and the SD Developmental Center. As self-directed services are developing, the College of Direct Support has also been made available to family members of adults and children receiving services and to PLANS (People Leading Accessible Networks of Support) and Family Support 360 participants and their providers.

In-Service Training ATCs

SD Association of Community Based Services

Contact: Tom Scheinost, 605-224-0752

This grant provides in-service training for service providers, agency staff and other interested persons on a statewide basis.

Providing Information & Resources to South Dakota

USD Center for Disabilities

Contact: Heather Stettinichs, 605-357-1439

Grant products include: news releases, public service announcements, Resource Center Catalog, Resource Guide for People with Disabilities, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Handbook, a Developmental Disabilities Handbook, and an Autism Handbook. For 2007-08, the Center will be developing a booklet describing "How to Access Services".

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES not specific to an Area of Emphasis

State Plan

The Council developed a Five-Year Plan for FFY 2007-2011. This Plan describes the Council's proposed goals, objectives and activities for the next five years. Copies of the full plan or a summary are available by contacting the Council office or through the Council's web site. Each year during July/August, the State Plan is revised to more clearly reflect the activities of the Council.

Annual Reports

Each year the Council prepares an Annual Report on the progress made toward the goals stated in the Five-Year State Plan. This information is provided to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities by December 31st of each year. Copies of full reports and summaries of the reports are available from the Council Office or through the Council's web site.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Each year March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. SD Advocacy Services, the USD Center for Disabilities and the Council collaborate on activities - including an Executive Proclamation from the Governor, public service announcements and press releases.

DDC Notes

The Council's Executive Director puts together a short summary of the Council's most recent activity and includes a list of upcoming training events of interest to people with DD and their families. DDC Notes is sent via email or regular mail 3-4 times a year. Contact the Council Office to be placed on the mailing list.

Web Site

The Council has a Web Site – <http://dhs.sd.gov/ddc>